

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-13 and 15-17. Please amend Claim 14. Please add new Claims 18-20. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A method for treating a patient having a microbial or viral infection comprising the step of administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a ~~composition comprising~~ a compound selected from the group consisting of D-*t*-3', 4'-ethylenedioxy-1-phenyl-2-palmitoylamino-3-pyrrolidino-1-propanol, D-*t*-4'-hydroxy-1-phenyl-2-palmitoylamino-3-pyrrolidino-1-propanol and ~~functional homologues~~, stereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the infection is characterized by binding of the microbe, the virus, or a toxin thereof to glycosphingolipids of the patient's cells.

15.-17. (Cancelled).

18. (New) The method of Claim 14, wherein the infection is due to E. Coli, influenza A, or a verotoxin-producing microorganism.

19. (New) The method of Claim 14, wherein compound is D-*t*-3', 4'-ethylenedioxy-1-phenyl-2-palmitoylamino-3-pyrrolidino-1-propanol, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

20. (New) The method of Claim 14, wherein the compound is D-*t*-4'-hydroxy-1-phenyl-2-palmitoylamino-3-pyrrolidino-1-propanol, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.